

CITY OF GAHANNA  
**LANDSCAPE BOARD**  
**MINUTES – June 6, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Melissa Hyde called the Landscape Board meeting to order on Wednesday, May 6, 2007 at 6 p.m. in the City of Gahanna Municipal Building.

**ROLL CALL:**

<u><b>Present:</b></u>	Jane Allinder Mark DiGiando Teresa Woolley Melissa Hyde Joseph Keehner
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In attendance from the City Administration were Tony Collins, Director of Parks & Recreation and Rob Wendling, City Forester.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Keehner made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2007 meetings, seconded by Allinder. **On roll call vote:** Woolley, Yes, Hyde, Yes, Keehner, Yes, Allinder, Yes, and DiGiando, Yes. **The motion carried 5 - 0 and was approved.**

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Old Business – Arbor Day

New Business - Hamilton Park on Sycamore Landscape Plan

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS AMENDED:**

Allinder made a **MOTION** to approve the May 6, 2007 agenda; seconded by Woolley. **On roll call vote:** Hyde, Yes, Keehner, Yes, Allinder, Yes, DiGiando, Yes, and Woolley, Yes. **The motion carried 5 – 0 and was approved.**

**VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Beth Richardson from Schieber & Associates

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Arbor Day**

Hyde discussed the Arbor Day event at Middle School West. Informational pamphlets and seedling trees were distributed. The students were attentive and helped plant two trees in front of the school.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Hamilton Park on Sycamore Landscape Plan**

Wendling discussed the Hamilton Park on Sycamore Landscape Plan. Wendling previously reviewed the landscape plan submitted by Schieber & Assoc. The choices of plant materials are acceptable with current code. The street trees are too close to the driveway. Current code calls for trees to be 20' from the driveway, in the current

proposal they are not 20' from the driveway. Beth Richardson from Schieber & Assoc. is requesting a variance to code for the placement of the street trees along the streets and in the cul-de-sac. The trees along the street are adjustable; however the cul-de-sac will need a variance. The proposed trees Celebration Maple, Red Buds, Upright Service Berry and Prospector Elm have a smaller root system and are taller and thinner and should not have a site clearance issue.

**At this time 6:25 pm the Landscape Board recessed to the Planning Commission meeting.**

**At this time 8:45 pm the Landscape Board reconvened to their regular Board meeting.**

Collins discussed the Creekside Landscape Plan presented at the Planning Commission meeting. It was decided to have a Creekside site visit in the next couple of weeks to discuss the landscape plan. Plans will be delivered to all Board members next week.

Woolley asked where the flood line is and where flooding is not expected and where the water is going to fall on the bank.

Collins explained the high water event typically goes up to the edge of the boardwalk. The actual plaza is build to take water at the 50 and 100 year water event. Two or three times a year it will be underwater for a couple of days.

Wendling explained general flooding will be approximately 3 – 4' up the bank from the existing water level.

#### **Hamilton Park on Sycamore Landscape Plan variance request– continued**

Woolley has no issues with approving the variance as long as the proposed trees will not tear up the concrete and fall upon the home owners to replace and the trees do not block the line of sight.

DiGiando expressed concern that the Red Bud is a slow growing tree and there is not a lot of clearance. Maybe a larger caliper tree should be considered.

DiGiando made a **MOTION** to accept the variance of less than 20' from driveway setback on the cul-de-sac for the Hamilton Park Development; seconded by Keehner.

**On roll call vote:** Hyde, Yes, Keehner, Yes, DiGiando, Yes, and Woolley, Yes. **The motion carried 4 – 0 and was approved.**

DiGiando made a **MOTION** for the developer of Hamilton Park to substitute Canadian Cherry for Red Buds in the center of the development due to height concerns for traffic clearance; seconded by Hyde. **On roll call vote:** DiGiando, Yes, Woolley, Yes, Hyde, Yes and Keehner, Yes. **The motion carried 4 – 0 and was approved.**

DiGiando made a **MOTION** that the City Forester is required to approve the variances on 20' spacing for the Hamilton Park Development; seconded by Woolley. **On roll call vote:** Hyde, Yes, Keehner, Yes, DiGiando, Yes and Woolley, Yes. **The motion carried 4 – 0 and was approved.**

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:**

None

**POLL MEMBERS FOR COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At this time Hyde made a MOTION to adjourn; seconded by DiGiando. **On roll call vote:** DiGiando, Yes, Woolley, Yes, Hyde, Yes and Keehner, Yes. **The motion carried 4 - 0 meeting adjourned.**

The Landscape Board meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2007

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Melissa Hyde, Chair